

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [24] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[24] Returning to Figure 2, the drive train 34 is mounted on a flat, substrate-shaped plate 38. Alternatively, the plate 38 may have any number of different shapes or thicknesses. The plate 38 is connected to a foot 5053 extending from a backside 37 of the carrier 18 by a pin 4647 such that the plate 38 can rotate about the pin 4647 in the directions of arrows C and D. The belt 42 extends from the drive train 34 through the plate 38 to the carrier 18. The belt 42 extends through a hole (not shown) located midway along the carrier 18 from the backside 37 of the carrier 18 to an inner side 39 of the carrier 18 to engage the C-arm 22. The carrier 18 has an upper portion 5857 on one side of the hole and a lower portion 6261 on the other side of the hole. The upper and lower portions 5857 and 6261 each have an idler wheel 52 proximate the hole. The belt 42 extends about the idler wheels 52, and the idler wheels 52 direct the belt 42 along the carrier 18. The idler wheels 52 do not engage the C-arm 22. The upper and lower portions 5857 and 6261 also each have sets of rollers 5455 located on the inner side 39 of the carrier 18. The belt 42 extends through the hole such that a first portion of the belt 42 extends along the upper portion 5857 and a second portion of the belt 42 extends along the lower portion 6261. In operation, when the C-arm 22 is connected to the belt 42, the drive train 34 activates the belt 42 such that the belt 42 can pull the C-arm 22 along the rollers 5455 in the direction of either arrow A or B.

Please replace paragraph [25] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[25] Returning to Fig. 7, the C-arm 22 has tracks 28 extending along the outer periphery thereof that capture the rollers 5455 (Fig. 2) in order to retain the C-arm 22 to the carrier 18. In operation, when the C-arm 22 is connected to the belt 42 and the rollers 5455, the drive train 34 activates the belt 42 such that the belt 42 can pull the C-arm 22 along the rollers 54-55 in the direction of either arrow A or B.

Please replace paragraph [31] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[31] Returning to Fig. 4, the support block 78 extends from the plate 38 into the clutch release 50 and includes a bushing 9092 that receives and supports the drive shaft 86. The drive shaft 86 may rotate within the bushing 9092. Likewise, the clutch release 50 carries a bushing 9092 within the support section 62 that receives and supports the drive shaft 86. The drive shaft may rotate within this bushing 9092 as well. The securing rings 46 receive a lip 94 extending from the third clutch ring 66 (Fig. 5) such that the clutch release 50 is connected to the third clutch ring 66.

Please replace paragraph [32] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[32] In operation, the motor 82 is activated, remotely by a joystick as described above, such that the motor 82 causes the drive shaft 86 to rotate. Because the second clutch ring 44 (Fig. 5) is connected to the drive shaft 86 and engages the first clutch ring 40 (Fig. 5), the drive shaft 86 in turn causes the first clutch ring 40 and the drive pulley 90 to rotate as well. The drive shaft 86 rotates within the bushings 9092 in the clutch release 50 such that the clutch release 50 is not rotated. The rotating drive pulley 90 engages the belt 42 (Fig. 2) to move in the direction of the rotation of the drive pulley 90. Thus, as the belt 42 moves across the drive pulley 90 through the drive train 34, one of the distal ends 25 or 27 of the C-arm 22 (Fig. 1) is pulled toward the carrier 18 (Fig. 1) such that the C-arm 22 rotates. The drive train 34 is configured such that the drive shaft 86 may be rotated either clockwise or counter-clockwise to effect the movement of either distal end 25 or 27 of the C-arm 22 toward the carrier 18.

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the drawings as follows:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 2 and 4. These sheets replace the original sheets including Figures 2 and 4, respectively. In Figure 2, previously omitted element 52 has been added, element 54 has been changed to 55, element 58 has been changed to 57, element 62 has been changed to 61, element 50 has been changed to 53, and element 46 has been changed to 47. In Figure 4, element 90 has been changed to 92.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS

In the specification, the paragraphs 24, 25, 31, and 32 have been amended to correct minor numbering typographical errors.

In amended Figures 2 and 4, a previously omitted element number has been added to Figure 2 and other numbers have been changed in both Figures to be consistent with the changes in paragraphs 24, 25, 31, and 32. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter.

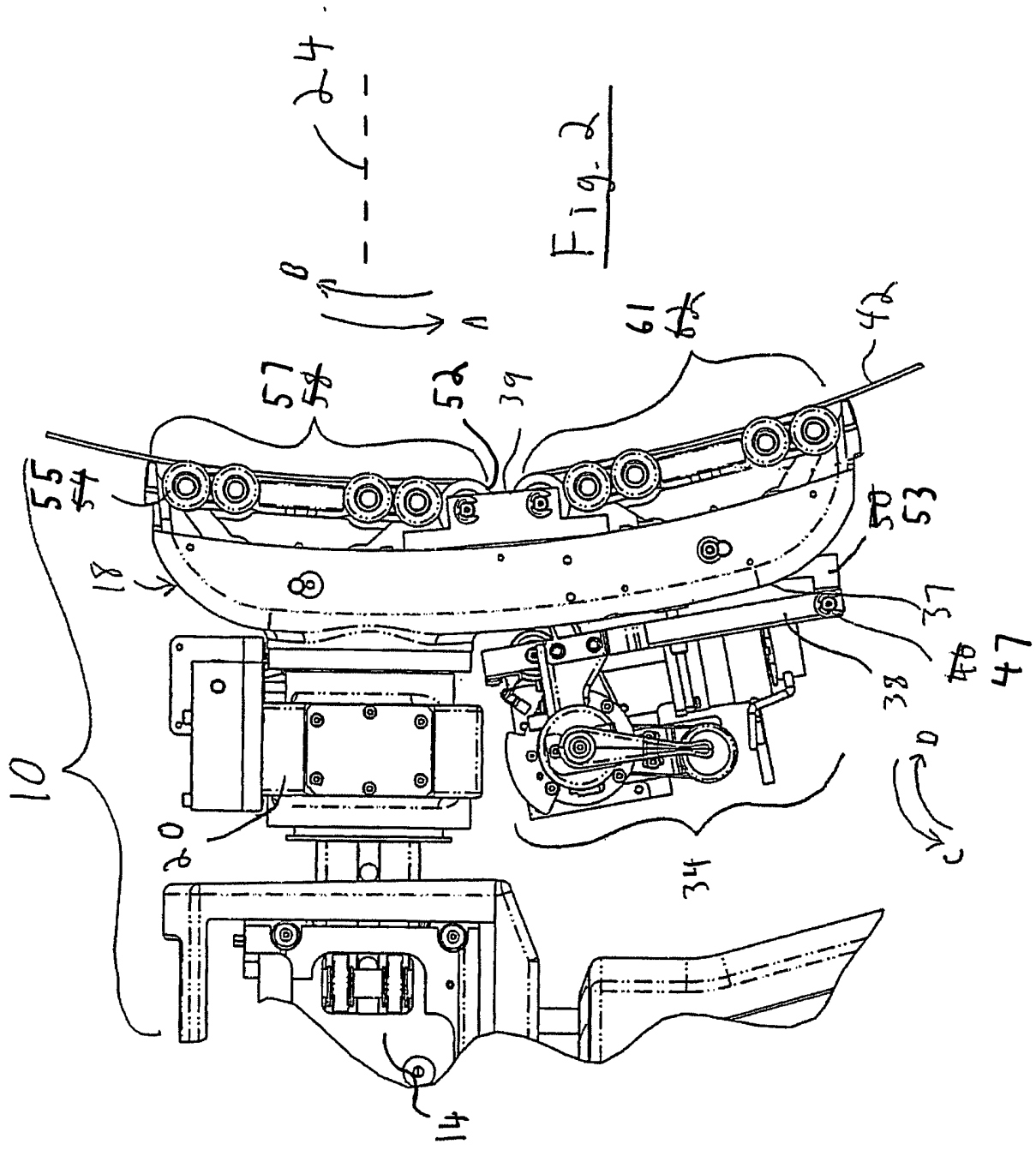
If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicants can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to Account No. 07-0845.

Respectfully submitted,

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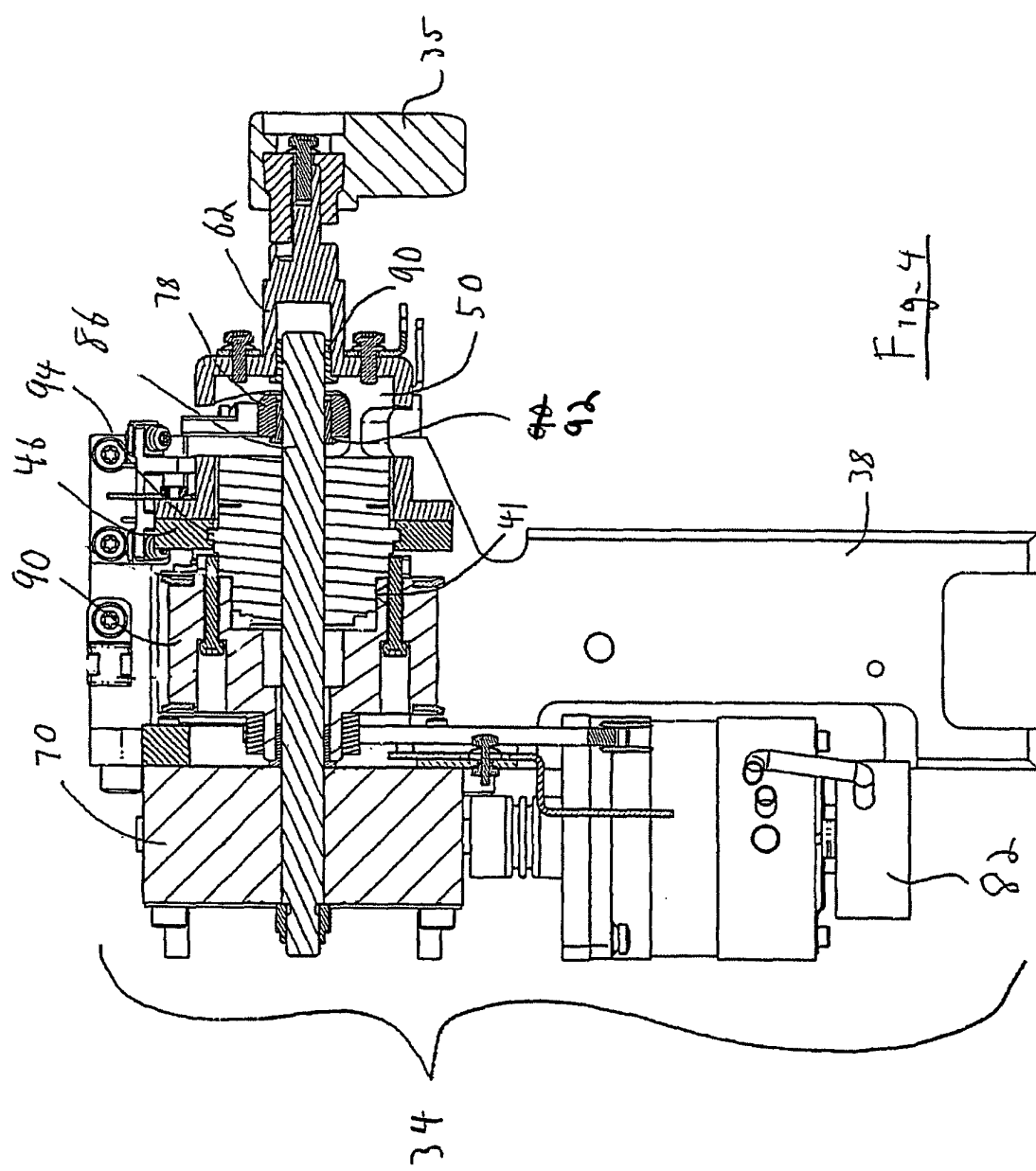


Fig. 4